

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Red Hook, Dutchess County, New York was convened in public session at the Town Hall, 7340 South Broadway, Red Hook on August 8, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Marirose Blum Bump  
Councilman James Ross  
Councilwoman Sue Crane  
Councilwoman Jean Bordewich  
Councilman Harold Ramsey  
Town Clerk Susan McCann

Also Present: Town Attorney Christine Chale

Supervisor Blum Bump calls the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Supervisor read the Supervisors monthly statement dated July 31, 2006. Opening Balance- \$2,649,361.31; Receipts - \$368,180.27; Disbursed \$523,654.30; Balance - \$2,493,887.28 (Copy attached)

On a motion of Councilman Ramsey, seconded by Councilman Ross move to adopt the monthly Supervisors statement.

Adopted Ayes 5 Blum Bump, Ross, Crane, Bordewich, Ramsey  
Nays 0

Town Clerk Susan McCann read the Clerk's report for the month of July 2006.

On a motion of Supervisor Blum Bump, seconded by Councilwoman Crane move to accept the minutes of the last meeting.

Adopted Ayes 5 Blum Bump, Ross, Crane, Bordewich, Ramsey  
Nays 0

Supervisor Blum Bump made an announcement thanking Senator Steve Saland for his help in having the Community Preservation Act signed by Governor Pataki in a timely manner; that is so it is possible to put it on the ballot for the November election.

#### PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

MaryAnn Johnson ...is a member of the Ag and Open Space Committee and in regard to the PDR resolution we are not in favor. Because it is a matching program it takes time to find matching sponsors to work through the whole process. I would like to thank Deputy Supervisor Bill O'Neill from the Inter-Municipal Task Force for the previous night's meeting.

Harry Colgan...feels we should not take action against the PDR program. In his opinion, real estate prices fluctuate for many reasons, it is not a reason for a moratorium.

Linda Keeling ...would like the Board to set a policy for town departments that when parcel owners need to be notified all co-owners of property be given notice. Both names listed should be notified and also parcel numbers listed.

Clay Laugier...supports some Board members. There are many Red Hook citizens He explains why he is against any change that doesn't look at the big picture. Zoning is only 25% of the problem. He says that the school and town need to communicate. He will not support any plan that doesn't support the working class of Red Hook Mr. Laugier says we should worry about the working class living in Red Hook now.

Richard Hover...has an ongoing issue with water run off on Glen View Drive. He thanks Harold Ramsey for looking at this problem and looks forward to a resolution in the near future.

Diane Ferris...also of Glen View Drive said that because of the drainage problem, she has suffered destruction to her property. In the winter the ice at the end of the cul-de-sac makes it very dangerous to get your paper, and your mail. She appreciates Supervisor Blum Bump's and Councilman Ramsey's attention to the problem.

Councilman Ramsey said that we have an engineer looking into the problem for some solution.

Albert Trezza...said he does not believe that the Board should go forward with the PDR program at this time until the moratorium resolution is resolved. Mr. Trezza says that the Supervisor is fiscally responsible for the monies of the Town and is the Chief Fiscal Officer of the Town. Allowing the program to go forward would be to the Blum's and Crane's families benefit. Nothing should be done with the PDR until moratorium is over. Pay attention to your fiscal responsibilities.

Harry Williams asks what has happened to the ZRC. He has been reviewing the minutes for the past year and noticed that Councilman Ross has been asking for this committee for two years.

Susan Elias is appalled that anyone would consider a moratorium on the PDR program. If you all believe in democracy, she would really resent delaying the program without some kind of public hearing. It is a very popular program that should continue.

Robert McKeon said that he is a member of the Ag and Open Space Committee. He also put a PDR application in a couple of months ago to sell the development rights on his property and to donate a substantial amount as well. Councilman Ross indicated that he would amend his resolution to exclude properties that were applied for before a moratorium was considered. Robert offered to set aside his application. Robert disagrees strongly with Al Trezza's comments. We risk losing matching funding on some of these applications if we don't act within certain periods of time. That funding, which is very competitive, would go to other communities. Next, Mr. McKeon mentioned that TREND, (a tax reform group whose website is trendny.com), has three forums coming up: Aug 21 at Bard with Assemblyman Manning speaking, Aug. 28 at Clinton Town Hall with Assemblyman Miller, and on September 7, at Rhinebeck Town Hall with Assemblyman Cahill. The talks will be on reforming the way we fund our schools.

Supervisor Blum Bump closes the public comment period and states that we will have further public comments at the end of the meeting.

#### PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS RESOLUTION

Councilwoman Crane and Supervisor Blum Bump recuse themselves and leave the room.

Councilman Ross read his proposed resolution. Councilman Ross stated that he was against the moratorium to begin with because he was afraid it could derail both legally and morally the whole PDR program. This is his reason for coming up with the resolution. After discussion at the last meeting, he added the exception would be any applications prior to January 1, 2006. The big problem is the appraisal value. He feels the appraisals on the applications received after January 1 should not continue because it can drastically change the value of those development rights one way or the other. The applications prior could get quite a bonus at the cost of the taxpayers. This Town Board should not be directly responsible or be part of changing the values of those properties while we have a PDR program in effect.

#### RESOLUTION 2006 #36

RE: PDR program on hold.

On a motion of Councilman James Ross, seconded by Councilman Harold Ramsey for discussion, moves that our PDR program be put on hold and that no action be taken on any proposed purchase of development rights until the moratorium is ended

and/or any proposed zoning changes and/or program have been adopted and instituted by the Town Board, with the exception of any applications prior to January 1, 2006. All the other aspects of our PDR program such as receiving, processing and reviewing applications shall continue.

Councilman Ramsey confirmed with Councilman Ross his understanding that we are not stopping any applications submitted prior to January 1, 2006, and in addition to that we are not stopping the progress of applications that are ongoing right now. We are just not doing final approvals or appraisals on those.

Councilman Ross said, correct, we will continue to review the applications and have our Farmland Protection Committee review them and see if they warrant merit and continue to seek it that way.

Councilman Ramsey hears that it's a fairly lengthy program. Even with this resolution it should not have any major impact on the PDR program in this Town. All we are doing is putting a safety clause in there in case the moratorium gets extended in case any of these come forward real quick.

Councilman Ross said that this should not affect our PDR program. One of his big fears is that any possible lawsuits that might be raised against us could affect our PDR program based on our moratorium and hopefully this might help solve one of those possible problems.

Councilman Ramsey ... agrees with Councilman Ross' statement that the moratorium might or might not affect the appraisals of these lands. My concern is that since we don't know that, to go forward with this and get appraisals, especially with other work that needs to get done, I think would be wrong. We are potentially changing land zoning issues and potentially, the values of the land, up or down. Therefore it may have an impact on the two out there. Councilman Ramsey says he has no problems with Councilman Ross's resolution.

Councilwoman Bordewich said she has given this a lot of thought. She asks what any lawsuits would be based on that Councilman Ross is concerned about.

Councilman Ross explains that we've left ourselves wide open. We have a PDR program in effect, where we agree to pay up to 50%, up to a total of 3.5 million dollars in debt to our taxpayers. The amount of money that someone gets is determined by the value of the development rights. If you are going to change the zoning on these properties, that means we have a program that we can in debt our taxpayers to the benefit of some possibly. We sit up here and change the zoning that could affect the value of these development rights.

Councilwoman Bordewich asks what the legal issue is that you feel we could be sued on.

Councilman Ross answers with the purchase of development rights or anyone unhappy with our fiscal responsibility in handling it. There are a lot of ways for someone to pursue that. It's not legal and not morally the correct thing to do.

Councilwoman Bordewich asks the Town Attorney Christine Chale if there is a clear legal issue we should be concerned with.

Christine Chale said she will not give advice on the moratorium.

Councilwoman Bordewich ... some people are concerned that we might extend the moratorium. We don't know if that will happen. If we did extend it these issues might come up. If we are talking about the current moratorium, it will be over before we ever get to the point of voting on the one remaining property. We don't need this resolution to turn down a purchase that is not in the interest of the taxpayer because we are the ones in the end to expend money for a purchase. We still have the final say. I believe that if it is not a good purchase for the Town, we vote yes or no. That is the real stop gap, not an artificial constraint that is put on in the abstract by a resolution like this. As far as the

values, the assumption that values will change, is just that, an assumption. Values change for a lot of reasons. I do not believe this resolution has a lot of impact in practical terms that will be affected by it. My bigger concern is that the Town's fiduciary responsibility is served by the vote we take on the property. I do not see a legal issue that we have to protect ourselves against. I am concerned about the message sent to the public who will only have the vaguest idea that we are somehow putting the brakes on our PDR program when we are really not. Having the PDR program has brought in other funding. I am afraid that the public will be confused. I will vote against it because I think we have the safety measures in place to prevent us from putting the taxpayer's interest in jeopardy.

Councilman Ross disagrees with most of Councilman Bordewich's points. By the time we vote, the appraisals are a done deal. It only makes sense to hold off on the appraisals. He compromised considerably to put the amendment in.

Councilwoman Bordewich said you can't pursue other funding with other partners without an appraisal. That in effect will halt that process too.

Councilman Ramsey feels that if we change the value of the land, we are the caretakers of the money for the public we would have to explain why we've done that. What Councilman Ross is proposing should not have any impact on any of the proposals in front of us whatsoever unless we have an extension of the moratorium. He does not believe any of the two allowed to continue on will get to a point where they will be drastically delayed by doing this. I think the message to the public is that we are watching out what this PDR money is going towards. We have a limited amount of PDR money.

Councilwoman Bordewich feels that in practical terms it will not change anything. The issue really has to do with if we extend the moratorium. Then we should raise this issue again. If there is not extension, it is a moot point.

Councilman Ramsey said the bottom line is protecting the taxpayer's money, and looking out for the best interest of the public.

Councilman Ross thinks the message is clear. We are telling the public that we are concerned about the value of the development rights. We want what's most fair to the farmers who want to sell those development rights. Anything we do that influences that price is not fair.

Motion Denied	Ayes 2	Ross, Ramsey
	Nays 1	Bordewich
	Recuse 2	Blum Bump, Crane

#### VICTOR CORNELIUS – RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR TRAIL GRANTS

Supervisor Blum Bump announced that the Town applied for a DOT grant for the "Breadbasket" trail for the amount of 1.6 million dollars, but ran into a snag. She then welcomed Victor Cornelius.

Victor Cornelius said that he doesn't consider it a "snag" but just part of the process. The DOT reviewed the application, which was a transportation enhancement program application. One of the categories was funding the acquisition of scenic easements and also provision of amenities for bicycle and hiking trails. We received a letter back from the DOT saying they didn't want to fund anything that had to do with recreational trails. He was told to go back to the committee and sit down and come up with an appropriate design for this that includes some of the concerns and issues that the DOT would like to see in it. The DOT would like the Town to resubmit. We've been invited by State Parks to submit a request to their trail grants program which has a \$100,000 maximum grant budget only requiring a 20% match. It will be coming up in September and Victor suggests funding through that and also including some funds from the Greenway Grant that will be coming through in October for planning. Come up with something with very clear numbers that we can take back to the DOT. The next round will be in about a year. The parks grant deadline is somewhere between Sept 15<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>.

Supervisor Blum Bump says we have an excellent Trails Committee. We are actively working with the Winnakee Land Trust.

Victor Cornelius suggests opening the process with substantial public participation, may need a couple of public hearings.

Councilwoman Crane asked if the DOT is going to depend on us hinging or attaching this planning to some kind of public transportation opportunity. She doesn't see that happening.

Victor Cornelius says there are very few east/west corridors. Maybe the grant will bring transportation to that area. The DOT has a hundred year vision.

Councilwoman Crane is concerned that the taxpayers will be upset with the cost, that we are not watching our pocketbook today. What is the overall cost of what you are proposing?

Victor Cornelius said the grant will determine that. It is important to come up with an appropriate assessment. Victor suggests \$2,000 for two grants with a \$1,000 deposit. Wants to amend the grant at not much cost and reapply for the one turned down.

#### RESOLUTION 2006 #37

RE: To apply for Trail Grants.

On a motion of Supervisor Marirose Blum Bump, seconded by Councilwoman Sue Crane move to contract with Victor Cornelius, Endeavor to write two grants. There will be a \$1,000 deposit, and at the end of the writing of those two grants he will receive the other thousand dollars. If the Greenway grant is not appropriate then the thousand dollar deposit will cover the entire application for the parks grant.

Adopted      Ayes 5      Blum Bump, Ross, Crane, Bordewich, Ramsey  
Nays 0

The Supervisor asks where PANDA is for tonight's meeting. We contracted with them to be here the second Tuesday of the month.

#### RESOLUTION 2006 #38

RE: Establishing a Date for a Public Hearing Regarding the Adoption by the Town Board of the Town of Red Hook Proposed Large Assembly Law.

On a motion of Supervisor Marirose Blum Bump, seconded by Councilman Harold Ramsey move to establish a date for a Public Hearing regarding the adoption by the Town Board of the Town of Red Hook, a Local Law amending Chapter 44 of the Code of the Town of Red Hook entitled "Assemblies, Public".

Adopted      Ayes 5      Blum Bump, Ross, Crane, Bordewich, Ramsey  
Nays 0

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#### RESOLUTION 2006 #39

RE: Authorizing Filing of Negative Declaration: Zoning Amendments for Outdoor Lighting.

On a motion of Councilman Harold Ramsey, seconded by Councilwoman Sue Crane, move to authorize the filing of negative declaration in accordance with the applicable provisions of law, and be it further resolved that the Town Board authorizes

the Supervisor to take such further steps that may be necessary to discharge the lead agency's responsibility on this action.

Adopted      Ayes 5      Blum Bump, Ross, Crane, Bordewich, Ramsey  
                 Nays 0

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#### RESOLUTION 2006 #40

RE: Authorizing the Adoption by the Town Board of the Town of Red Hook of Local Law No. 3 of 2006 Regarding Outdoor Lighting.

On a motion of Supervisor Marirose Blum Bump, seconded by Councilwoman Sue Crane, move to authorize the adoption by the Town Board of the Town of Red Hook of Local Law #3 2006 regarding outdoor lighting.

Adopted      Ayes 5      Blum Bump, Ross, Crane, Bordewich, Ramsey  
                 Nays 0

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#### RESOLUTION 2006 #41

RE: Authorizing Filing of Negative Declaration: Outdoor Wood Burning Furnaces.

On a motion of Supervisor Marirose Blum Bump, seconded by Councilman Harold Ramsey move to authorize the execution of the EAF and file the negative declaration in accordance with the applicable provisions of the law. And be it further resolved that the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to take such steps as might be necessary to discharge lead agency's responsibility on this action.

Adopted      Ayes 5      Blum Bump, Ross, Crane, Bordewich, Ramsey  
                 Nays 0

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Supervisor Blum Bump reads the resolution regarding Local Law #4 2006 (copy attached).

On a motion of Supervisor Marirose Blum Bump, seconded by Councilwoman Jean Bordewich move to authorize the adoption by the Town Board regarding outdoor wood burning furnaces.

Councilman Ross questions why the Board hasn't discussed this proposed law at length. We had some recommended guidelines by our building inspectors about whether we were going to put a limit on them or ban them with the exception of existing ones. He questions the no burn period. He refers to 73-6 H and 73-6 C. If not allowed to burn for 5 months, why have the 7 month clause? It should be more like 12 months to be grandfathered.

Councilman Ramsey asks Town Attorney Christine Chale if it will affect the law if we make any changes.

Councilman Ross said we never went line by line and discussed this law as in depth as other topics.

Councilwoman Crane suggests amending it to 12 months.

Councilman Ross reminds the Board that we had a public hearing on this, and we had people in favor of controlling it. We only had one attorney from a manufacturer not want to see us ban them.

On a motion of Councilman Ross, seconded by Councilwoman Bordewich, move that Section 73-6 H be amended to read for a period of 12 consecutive months rather than the 7 months.

Adopted	Ayes 4	Ross, Crane, Bordewich, Ramsey
	Nays 1	Blum Bump

#### RESOLUTION 2006 #42

RE: Authorizing the adoption by the Town Board of the Town of Red Hook of Local Law No.4 2006 regarding Outdoor Wood Burning Furnaces.

On a motion of Supervisor Marirose Blum Bump, seconded by Councilwoman Sue Crane move to adopt Local Law #4 2006 as amended regarding outdoor wood burning furnaces.

Adopted	Ayes 5	Blum Bump, Ross, Crane, Bordewich, Ramsey
	Nays 0	

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Councilman Ramsey said he is concerned about the outdoor wood burning furnaces because of health and safety reasons.

Town Attorney Christine Chale reached Jeff Martin concerning the PILOT agreement and he said he would accept the version that is in front of you tonight. It was also discussed with the attorney for the developer, Ken Kearney, and he too accepted these changes. Attorney Chale explains the changes.

#### RESOLUTION 2006 #43

RE: Authorizing the execution of a payment in-lieu of tax (“PILOT”) agreement by and among the Village of Red Hook, the Town of Red Hook, Red Hook Seniors I Limited Partnership and Red Hook Senior Housing Development Fund Company, Inc.

On a motion of Councilwoman Sue Crane, seconded by Councilman James Ross, move to accept the resolution of the Town Board of the Town of Red Hook authorizing the execution of a payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) agreement.

Adopted	Ayes 5	Blum Bump, Ross, Crane, Bordewich, Ramsey
	Nays 0	

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Councilwoman Crane thanked Attorney Chale for all the work she did. She knows it was tedious and complicated.

Attorney Chale is making sure that the Open Space Plan is adopted and that it is clearly on record. The resolution in front of you is a resolution with an EAF attached and it treats this document simply as a policy document.

#### RESOLUTION 2006 #44

RE: Establishing Lead Agency Type I Action: The Adoption of the Town of Red Hook Open Space Plan.

On a motion of Supervisor Marirose Blum Bump, seconded by Councilman Jean Bordewich, move to make a determination of significance at such time as all reasonably necessary information has been received by the Town Board to enable it to determine whether the action will or will not have a significant effect on the environment.

Adopted	Ayes 5	Blum Bump, Ross, Crane, Bordewich, Ramsey
	Nays 0	

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On a motion by Supervisor Blum Bump, seconded by Councilman Ross move to set a Public Hearing on the proposed adoption of the Open Space Plan for September 5, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.

Adopted        Ayes 5        Blum Bump, Ross, Crane, Bordewich, Ramsey  
                     Nays 0

Councilwoman Crane questions page 3, part 3.2 of contract with Town Water District Operator. (Fee for operations personnel) She is concerned about the amount.

Councilman Ramsey said it's ok the way it is. The amount is not out of whack.

#### RESOLUTION 2006 #45

RE: To renew contract with Town Water District Operator

On a motion by Supervisor Marirose Blum Bump, seconded by Councilwoman Sue Crane move to renew the contract with the Town Water District Operator.

Adopted        Ayes 5        Blum Bump, Ross, Crane, Bordewich, Ramsey  
                     Nays 0

Attorney Chale explained to the Board that the DEC requested that a tank be removed or there would be a \$1,000 fine. The cost to remove the tank is in the neighborhood of \$25,000. A new tank would be put above ground. She recommends authorizing expending funds.

#### RESOLUTION 2006 #46

RE: Approving execution of order of consent regarding petroleum bulk storage facilities.

On a motion by Supervisor Marirose Blum Bump, seconded by Councilman James Ross, move that the Town Board execute order of consent regarding petroleum bulk storage facilities.

Adopted        Ayes 5        Blum Bump, Ross, Crane, Bordewich, Ramsey  
                     Nays 0

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#### RESOLUTION 2006 #47

RE: Requesting Modification of Speed Limit on Budds Corners Road from Whalesback to Route 9G.

On a motion by Supervisor Marirose Blum Bump, seconded by Councilwoman Sue Crane move to request that the Commissioner of the DC Department of Public Works provide for the reduction of the speed limit on Budds Corners Road from 55 miles per hour to 45 miles per hour.

Adopted        Ayes 5        Blum Bump, Ross, Crane, Bordewich, Ramsey  
                     Nays 0

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#### RESOLUTION 2006 #48

RE: Requesting modification of speed limit on Route 9G from Route 78 to Route 199.

On a motion by Supervisor Marirose Blum Bump, seconded by Councilman Harold Ramsey move to requests that the Commissioner of the Dutchess County Department of Public Works take all steps necessary to provide for the reduction of the speed limit on Route 9G between Kelly Road and County Route 78 (West Kerley Corners Road/Broadway) from 55 to 45 mph.

Adopted      Ayes 5      Blum Bump, Ross, Crane, Bordewich, Ramsey  
                 Nays 0

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#### RESOLUTION 2006 #49

RE: To appoint Zoning Review Committee members

On a motion by Councilwoman Jean Bordewich, seconded by Supervisor Marirose Blum Bump move to appoint Sue Simon, Chuck Simmons and Carl Dowden as the three community members to the Zoning Review Committee.

Adopted      Ayes 5      Blum Bump, Ross, Crane, Bordewich, Ramsey  
                 Nays 0

On a motion by Councilman Ramsey, seconded by Councilman Ross move we bring in River Valley Marketing Optimum 2 (\$1,801-\$3,000) to put our website in place.

Councilman Ross said we had a presentation and feels the middle of the road plan looks good.

Councilwoman Bordewich said there are two issues. First is that she feels that we are obligated to go to bid. We have also not resolved the issue of who is going to be responsible for what goes on the website.

Councilman Ramsey answered that the Town Clerk, Sue McCann will be the “gatekeeper”.

Town Clerk McCann agreed to continue making sure information gets to the website; agendas would need to get to her earlier.

Councilwoman Bordewich would like a protocol drawn up in writing.

Councilman Ramsey said the only concern he hears is that the website is not easily readable, and that the agenda for the Town Board meetings are not posted in a timely manner.

Supervisor Blum Bump said that because it’s over \$3,000 it should go out to bid. She was not impressed with the presentation and she also objects to the fact that the webmaster is on a board of a political party.

Councilman Ramsey said we don’t need to go out to bid for consultation services. As far as political party, we have a number of people in this town on committees who are on political boards.

Councilman Ross asks what the design of the website has to do with any political party. It’s not a political advertisement.

Councilwoman Bordewich feels there is the potential for questions being raised in some peoples mind.

Councilman Ramsey takes offense to that. The person we are contracting with does the work for us, the entire Board. It’s up to us to see what goes on the site.

On a motion by Councilman Ramsey, seconded by Councilman Ross move we bring in River Valley Marketing Optimum 2 to put our website in place.

Adopted      Ayes 3      Crane, Ross, Ramsey  
                 Nays 2      Blum Bump, Bordewich

DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Highway Department

Councilman Ramsey reported he is working on the drainage issue and on the Route 9 sidewalk issue. Ted Fink, Wayne Hildenbrand and Councilman Ramsey met on the highway specifications. The Highway Superintendent has one concern and will get back to us.

Recreation Department

Councilman Ramsey commended the Girl Scouts who painted picnic tables and garbage cans, and cleaned up at the Rec. Park. NYMIR inspected our storage barn and will add it to our insurance policy. Continuing vandalism is a concern. Playground safety fiber will be laid down this month.

Disaster Preparedness

Councilman Ramsey reports that the County Emergency Preparedness Office said we need to be compliant. Emergency Director and successors have to take a couple of classes. If we don't take these classes any federal funding for disasters will be withheld.

Zoning Board of Appeals

Councilman Ross reports they will meet tomorrow night. He has not yet received an agenda.

Planning Board

Councilman Ross reports that the Planning Board met and they have approved an updated site plan for the Bard College daycare center.

Senior Services

Councilwoman Crane reports the Senior Services Committee will meet on Friday, August 11, 2006 and will begin discussion about holding a care givers conference. Frail and/or elderly at home will be the topic and it will hopefully take place in early November. Sheila Franklin is willing to be secretary for the Committee, and I hope the Board will approve her. Linda Keeling is prepared to take the minutes for the Ethics Committee and suggests she should be the secretary for that committee.

Christine Chale tells the Board, compensation cannot be made for work already done.

On a motion by Councilwoman Crane, seconded by Councilman Ramsey move to appoint Sheila Franklin as secretary of the Senior Services Committee

Adopted      Ayes 5      Blum Bump, Ross, Crane, Bordewich, Ramsey  
                 Nays 0

On a motion by Councilwoman Crane, seconded by Councilman Ross move to appoint Linda Keeling as secretary of the Ethics Committee.

Adopted      Ayes 4      Ross, Crane, Bordewich, Ramsey  
                 Nays 0  
                 Abstain      Blum Bump

Supervisor Blum Bump...I know on many boards and committees the clerks have also been members but we are trying to move away from that.

Councilman Ramsey reminds the Board that Susan Ellis is the clerk and also a member of the CAC.

Building Inspector's Report

Councilwoman Bordewich reported that 22 building permits were issued in July totaling \$2,333. The Building Inspector closed 30 CO's for the month, and had 55 inspections.

Dog Control

Councilwoman Bordewich reported the Dog Control Officer is using his cell phone and hopefully we're getting more of a response.

Assessor's Report

Supervisor Blum Bump reported the Assessor met with the Board of Assessment twice, prepared a report for NYS ORPS on Mobile Home Parks, received 14 small claims assessment review forms (3 have been settled), received 4 article 7 Certiorari actions (one settled), completed and submitted NYS ORPS Application for Review for Maintenance of a System of Improved Real Property Tax Administration Aid, for State reimbursement for the Revaluation Program and the he completed a week long course titled Application of Mass Appraisal Fundamentals.

Purchasing

Councilwoman Crane reports that there were 24 PO's in the amount of \$147,013, the largest to Blacktop Maintenance in the amount of \$137,210 for paving Metzger Road, Old Post Road and Pitcher Lane. Contract for Fairweather Assoc. for the fiscal impact study has been reviewed by Purchasing Agent Ted Kudzy, Councilwoman Jean Bordewich and Attorney Chale, and they believe it is ready for release.

Councilwoman Crane questions environmental assessment cost of \$2,000. She does not believe the Board voted on it.

Councilwoman Bordewich said she thought we just decided to go ahead with it. The Board discusses a Phase I Environmental Assessment. Chazen submitted this proposal and Councilwoman Bordewich said it was ready.

Supervisor Blum Bump said Attorney Sachs letter was the basis of Ted Kudzy going ahead with this. She doesn't have a copy of the letter.

Councilman Ramsey does not remember voting on it. If you want to pursue an environmental study at a reasonable cost go ahead and do it, but I feel it's a waste of our money. He still believes that the Highway Garage should remain at its present location. I'm not in agreement but go ahead.

Councilman Ross suggests we vote.

On a motion by Councilwoman Bordewich, seconded by Supervisor Blum Bump move that we spent \$2,000 with Chazen and Company to perform a Phase I Environmental Assessment on the property we discussed in executive session for the Highway Garage.

Adopted	Ayes 3	Blum Bump, Bordewich, Ramsey
	Nays 2	Ross, Crane

Councilwoman Crane continues with the Purchasing report. Ted Kudzy will release public bids for the rec. park tennis courts fencing. Laurie Husted contacted Ted about NYSERTA energy audit. Grant writing will be done to secure funds for possible solar panel system for Town Hall. Ted will have a completed draft of the IT Disaster Plan by September 30. Ted will be waiting for direction of the Board about clean up at St. Margaret's property. Wayne Hildenbrand and Councilman Ross will look into cleanup of St. Margaret's.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Linda Keeling...several months ago Councilwoman Bordewich asked for grant updates each month. I would like to see all Board members have the updates. I am concerned about the CBDG grant. I feel that there is too much on the Board's plate and should focus on getting everything done in a timely manner. I'm also disturbed that the grant writer did not have information before this meeting and that it was provided verbally instead of having it in writing. I'd like to see monthly updates on Hardscrabble Day and also on St. Margaret's Home. Please replace the light in the courtroom.

Kathy Stewart...agrees that the website would be a great place to get grants. Regarding the Open Space Plan, I feel that legally if you get affidavits as to people who remember things that can help you along the way. As far as speed limits, I feel we should narrow the roads. I feel the website is a big problem. I have agenda's on my site before the Town does. The webmaster should be on site to properly load things up. Says it's unconscionable that we don't use and regularly communicate by e-mail.

Councilman Ross disagrees with Ms. Stewart's comments.

Clay Laugier says that grant writing can be done for free. He has a grant writer that does this for free right here in Red Hook and has offered his serves before. There are actually 12 grants that the Town could apply for that would also help the Village of Tivoli and also the Village of Red Hook. Our non profit organization will be part of the Red Cross for Northern Dutchess County.

On a motion by Supervisor Blum Bump, seconded by Councilman Ramsey move to close the meeting at 10:55 p.m.

Adopted	Ayes 5	Blum Bump, Ross, Crane, Bordewich, Ramsey
	Nays 0	

Respectfully submitted,

Susan McCann, Town Clerk